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CATTLE ON FEED

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SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's 1,000+ capacity feedlots reported 205,000 **cattle on feed** for the slaughter market on April 1. The April 1 number is unchanged from a year earlier but down 5,000 head from March.

Placements during March totaled 31,000 head, down 2,000 head from last year and down 1,000 head from February.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 34,000 head, also down 2,000 head from last year but up 8,000 head from February.

Other disappearance during March totaled 2,000 head, unchanged from last year but up 1,000 from last month.

Steer and steer calves totaled 110,000 head, 53.6 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Heifer and heifer calves** totaled 83,000 head, 40.5 percent of the total cattle on feed. **Bulls and cows** totaled 12,000 head, 5.9 percent of the total cattle on feed.

UNITED STATES: Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on April 1, 2005. The inventory was 1 percent above April 1, 2004 and 1 percent above April 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.76 million, 3 percent below 2004 and 13 percent below 2003. This is the second lowest placements for the month of March since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.69 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 299,000, 600-699 pounds were 320,000, 700-799 pounds were 614,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 527,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.97 million, up slightly from 2004 and 9 percent above 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 69,000 during March, 3 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

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CATTLE ON FEED (1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS), SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, APRIL 1, 2004 & 2005

Item	South Dakota			United States		
	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
	- 1,000 Head -		Percent	- 1,000 Head -		Percent
On feed, March 1	210	210	100	10,987	11,152	102
Placed on feed during March	33	31	94	1,810	1,760	97
Fed cattle marketed during March	36	34	94	1,967	1,973	100
Other disappearance during March 1/	2	2	100	67	69	103
On feed, April 1	205	205	100	10,763	10,870	101

1/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.



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MILK PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The January-March 2005 quarterly milk production for South Dakota totaled 344 million pounds, 3 percent above last year. This is also above the fourth quarter 2004 production total of 338 million pounds.

During the first quarter of 2005, the average number of milk cows, at 80,000, is unchanged from last year. This is also unchanged from last quarter.

During 2004, the number of milk cows averaged 80,000, down 2,000 head from the previous year. Milk produced

per cow averaged 16,838 pounds, up from 16,220 pounds in 2003. Total milk produced in 2004, at 1,347 million pounds, was up 1 percent from 2003.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the U.S. during the January-March quarter totaled 43.2 billion pounds, up 1.1 percent from the January-March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.00 million head, 2,000 head more than the same period last year.

MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES, JANUARY-MARCH, 2003-2005

State	January-March Milk Cows 1/			January-March Milk Production 2/			2005 as % of 2004
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	
	- - - - 1,000 Head - - - -			- - - - Million Pounds - - - -			Percent
Iowa	205	195	187	965	976	947	97
Minnesota	480	465	457	2,134	2,060	2,048	99
Nebraska	66	61	60	297	267	264	99
North Dakota	36	33	33	133	129	128	99
South Dakota	84	80	80	333	333	344	103
Wisconsin	1,264	1,245	1,234	5,563	5,501	5,522	100
United States	9,142	8,993	8,995	43,087	42,759	43,238	101

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

CHICKEN & EGG PRODUCTION

SOUTH DAKOTA: The average number of layers on hand during March 2005 numbered 2,960,000, down 167,000 from February 2005 and down 215,000 from January 2005. The number of eggs produced during the month totaled 67 million, up 1 million from February but down 7 million from January.

UNITED STATES: U.S. egg production totaled 7.73 billion

during March 2005, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.60 billion table eggs, and 1.13 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 63 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2005 averaged 347 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,225 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2004.

MONTHLY LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

State	Average Number of Layers on Hand			Eggs per 100 Layers			Total Eggs Produced		
	January 2005	February 2005	March 2005	January 2005	February 2005	March 2005	January 2005	February 2005	March 2005
	----- Thousands -----			----- Number -----			----- Millions -----		
Iowa	49,771	49,860	49,136	2,176	2,006	2,312	1,083	1,000	1,136
Minnesota	10,946	11,023	11,000	2,275	2,087	2,300	249	230	253
Nebraska	12,044	12,093	12,061	2,292	2,018	2,189	276	244	264
South Dakota	3,175	3,127	2,960	2,331	2,111	2,264	74	66	67
United States	348,142	348,985	347,255	2,188	1,983	2,225	7,617	6,919	7,726

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ALL CORN, SOUTH DAKOTA 2004

County	All Corn Planted	Corn for Grain			Corn for Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
Butte	6,500	3,600	134.2	483,000	2,700	17.1	46,100
Corson	14,000	5,700	35.6	203,000	8,000	4.6	36,700
Dewey	11,500	4,500	40.4	182,000	6,600	4.8	31,400
Harding	2,000	100	70.0	7,000	1,800	9.8	17,600
Perkins	17,000	2,500	41.6	104,000	12,600	6.0	76,000
Ziebach	1,000	600	23.3	14,000	300	5.3	1,600
Northwest	52,000	17,000	58.4	993,000	32,000	6.5	209,400
Brown	273,000	260,600	134.0	34,932,000	8,400	10.8	90,800
Campbell	47,500	31,800	76.4	2,429,000	15,400	7.4	114,000
Edmunds	116,000	108,300	114.8	12,430,000	7,300	11.0	80,000
Faulk	69,000	60,100	123.2	7,407,000	8,500	10.8	91,700
McPherson	51,500	24,800	88.7	2,200,000	25,500	12.3	314,200
Potter	62,500	57,400	111.4	6,395,000	4,400	6.4	28,100
Spink	199,000	186,800	144.4	26,979,000	10,300	14.4	148,400
Walworth	39,500	34,200	83.2	2,845,000	5,200	8.4	43,500
North Central	858,000	764,000	125.2	95,617,000	85,000	10.7	910,700
Clark	100,500	91,000	131.9	12,006,000	9,300	14.3	132,600
Codington	83,000	74,000	128.3	9,493,000	8,800	16.1	142,000
Day	76,500	68,000	129.3	8,794,000	6,400	12.6	80,900
Deuel	76,500	61,300	126.3	7,745,000	14,700	16.1	236,600
Grant	79,500	66,300	137.2	9,098,000	12,700	21.0	267,000
Hamlin	95,500	87,200	133.5	11,642,000	7,900	17.3	136,700
Marshall	92,000	84,900	121.8	10,345,000	6,600	15.1	99,500
Roberts	105,500	99,300	141.1	14,009,000	5,600	15.2	85,200
Northeast	709,000	632,000	131.5	83,132,000	72,000	16.4	1,180,500
Haakon	6,000	4,500	43.8	197,000	1,400	10.1	14,200
Jackson	2,000	900	55.6	50,000	700	4.6	3,200
Lawrence	500	---	---	---	500	13.0	6,500
Meade	3,000	1,000	40.0	40,000	1,800	12.1	21,800
Pennington	3,500	2,300	36.1	83,000	1,100	5.2	5,700
Stanley	1,000	300	73.3	22,000	500	9.8	4,900
West Central	16,000	9,000	43.6	392,000	6,000	9.4	56,300
Aurora	72,500	68,700	104.9	7,204,000	3,600	10.0	35,900
Beadle	179,000	166,600	123.7	20,616,000	11,400	11.4	129,600
Brule	68,000	49,900	69.1	3,446,000	15,700	6.7	105,900
Buffalo	12,500	8,400	111.8	939,000	2,400	9.4	22,500
Hand	118,500	94,200	101.4	9,549,000	24,000	8.5	204,100
Hughes	30,000	15,400	117.7	1,813,000	5,800	4.6	26,700
Hyde	43,000	31,500	95.2	2,998,000	11,400	8.4	96,300
Jerauld	45,000	39,700	102.0	4,051,000	5,000	9.9	49,600
Sully	63,500	60,600	101.2	6,132,000	2,700	9.1	24,600
Central	632,000	535,000	106.1	56,748,000	82,000	8.5	695,200
Brookings	133,500	124,300	144.8	17,996,000	8,900	17.7	157,400
Davison	71,000	67,000	139.4	9,340,000	3,500	9.5	33,300
Hanson	78,500	75,500	142.4	10,752,000	2,700	17.9	48,300
Kingsbury	123,500	115,100	134.8	15,515,000	8,000	16.9	135,500
Lake	117,000	107,200	149.7	16,053,000	9,700	14.3	138,900
McCook	129,500	123,900	150.2	18,614,000	5,200	11.6	60,400
Miner	70,000	65,800	121.2	7,974,000	4,000	10.2	40,700
Minnehaha	167,000	157,700	150.1	23,677,000	8,600	16.7	143,800
Moody	128,500	122,900	158.3	19,451,000	4,300	15.8	67,900
Sanborn	69,500	63,600	134.8	8,575,000	5,100	10.8	55,300
East Central	1,088,000	1,023,000	144.6	147,947,000	60,000	14.7	881,500
Bennett	10,000	6,200	103.1	639,000	3,300	2.2	7,200
Custer	500	300	60.0	18,000	100	7.0	700
Fall River	3,000	1,900	81.1	154,000	1,000	21.0	21,000
Shannon	1,500	600	13.3	8,000	600	2.7	1,600
Southwest	15,000	9,000	91.0	819,000	5,000	6.1	30,500
Gregory	51,000	30,300	45.7	1,386,000	17,000	4.5	77,300
Jones	5,500	3,500	70.6	247,000	1,700	4.2	7,100
Lyman	27,500	19,300	76.2	1,471,000	7,100	4.7	33,500
Mellette	6,000	4,500	34.4	155,000	1,400	5.7	8,000
Todd	8,000	5,700	105.4	601,000	700	11.4	8,000
Tripp	74,000	52,700	52.7	2,775,000	21,100	6.8	143,300
South Central	172,000	116,000	57.2	6,635,000	49,000	5.7	277,200
Bon Homme	98,500	87,600	123.6	10,826,000	10,700	10.7	114,600
Charles Mix	135,500	119,300	87.9	10,487,000	15,600	8.2	127,200
Clay	100,000	98,900	169.6	16,775,000	500	18.8	9,400
Douglas	76,000	69,100	104.3	7,206,000	6,700	11.4	76,100
Hutchinson	160,500	150,300	134.4	20,200,000	9,900	12.3	122,200
Lincoln	159,000	155,800	159.1	24,781,000	2,400	19.4	46,500
Turner	161,500	154,100	153.3	23,622,000	6,900	17.4	119,800
Union	124,000	122,200	171.6	20,971,000	1,100	16.9	18,600
Yankton	93,000	87,700	140.8	12,349,000	5,200	14.3	74,300
Southeast	1,108,000	1,045,000	140.9	147,217,000	59,000	12.0	708,700
South Dakota	4,650,000	4,150,000	130.0	539,500,000	450,000	11.0	4,950,000

COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	Mar. 31, 2004	Feb. 28, 2005	Mar. 31, 2005	March 2005 as % of	
				March 2004	February 2005
	- - - - - Thousand Pounds - - - - -			- - - - - Percent - - - - -	
Butter	158,118	110,897	132,673	84	120
Cheese, total natural	759,546	715,772	746,945	98	104
Eggs, frozen	19,247	17,865	18,548	96	104
Fruits, frozen	715,709	879,606	750,954	105	85
Fruit juices, frozen	2,139,579	1,888,634	1,898,739	89	101
Meat, total red	879,358	956,021	932,584	106	98
Beef, total frozen	416,772	400,285	373,636	90	93
Pork, total frozen	447,346	541,023	543,400	121	100
Poultry, total frozen	1,110,545	1,016,982	1,090,660	98	107
Chicken	604,738	634,579	671,808	111	106
Turkey	504,561	381,934	418,532	83	110
Vegetables, total frozen	1,591,734	1,994,038	1,788,477	112	90
Potatoes, total frozen	1,192,451	1,152,818	1,094,950	92	95

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			March 2005 as % of		January-March 2/		
		Mar. 2004	Feb. 2005	Mar. 2005	March 2004	February 2005	2004	2005	2005 as % of 2004
SOUTH DAKOTA		- - Percent - -					- Million Pounds Liveweight -		
Cattle	1,000 Head	4/	4/	4/	NA	NA	4/	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	366.9	363.0	402.5	110	111	305.5	295.3	97
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.1	0.7	1.0	91	143	0.336	0.287	85
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	77.7	77.7	85.0	109	109	246.2	240.5	98
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	2,869.3	2,341.2	2,723.4	95	116	9,704.6	9,497.7	98
Hogs	1,000 Head	9,038.5	8,103.8	8,946.1	99	110	6,897.0	6,898.5	100
Sheep	1,000 Head	307.1	215.0	280.3	91	130	104.6	97.8	93
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	3,945.0	3,423.0	3,878.6	98	113	11,063.8	10,950.1	99

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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